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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Heads of Fire Department

**FROM:** Stephen D. Coan  
State Fire Marshal

**DATE:** November 2, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Self Service Motor Fueling Visibility (527 CMR 5.08(5)(f))

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Facilities that conduct self-service motor fueling are required to maintain direct line of sight between the controlling console and the fuel dispensers. In a number of instances the visibility has been blocked by merchandise displays and other obstructions both inside and outside of the building.

I am asking that when your department conducts routine inspections of these facilities the visibility between console and dispenser be confirmed

If you have any questions, please contact the Code Compliance & Enforcement Unit at (978) 567-3375 or in western Massachusetts at (413) 587-3181.